

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

1. (Canceled).
2. (Canceled).
3. (Currently Amended) A connector as claimed in claim 9, wherein said ~~metallic holding fixture is~~ non-elastic metallic engaging portion and said elastic piece are formed in a thin sheet-like form separately from a base for supporting said contact terminals in said first or said second connector section.

Claims 4 - 7. (Canceled).

8. (Previously Presented) A connector as claimed in claim 9, wherein said engaging portions of said first connector section are embedded in one piece and fixed in a base of said first connector section.

9. (Currently Amended) A connector for connecting circuit boards with each other, comprising:

a first connector section disposed on a first circuit board and having contact terminals electrically connected to an electro-conductive layer of said first circuit board, and

a second connector section disposed on a second circuit board provided in relation to said first circuit board and having contact terminals electrically connected to an electro-conductive layer of said second circuit board with said contact terminals of

said second connector being connected electrically to said contact terminals of said first connector section,

wherein when said first connector section is coupled to said second connector section, non-elastic metallic engaging portions provided in said first connector section are latched with elastic metallic projections provided on an inner surface of an elastic piece provided in said second connector section to hold said first connector section on said second connector section, ~~and said engaging portions in said first connector section comprise nibs, said nibs projecting away from said first connector section and said engaging portions in said second connector section are nibs and projections of a metallic holding fixture, respectively.~~

10. (Currently Amended) A connector for connecting circuit boards with each other, comprising:

a first connector section disposed on a first circuit board and having contact terminals electrically connected to an electro-conductive layer of said first circuit board, and

a second connector section disposed on a second circuit board provided in relation to said first circuit board and having contact terminals electrically connected to an electro-conductive layer of said second circuit board with said contact terminals of said second connector being connected electrically to said contact terminals of said first connector section,

wherein when said first connector section is coupled to said second connector section, non-elastic metallic engaging ~~portions~~ projections provided in said first

connector section are latched with elastic metallic projections provided on an inner surface of an elastic piece provided in said second connector section to hold said first connector section on said second connector section and a recess is formed for allowing a portion of said elastic piece being engaged in said second connector section to advance/retract at a base of said second connector section.

11. (Currently Amended) A connector for connecting circuit boards with each other, comprising:

a first connector section disposed on a first circuit board and having contact terminals electrically connected to an electro-conductive layer of said first circuit board, and

a second connector section disposed on a second circuit board provided in relation to said first circuit board and having contact terminals electrically connected to an electro-conductive layer of said second connector circuit board with said contact terminals of said second connector being connected electrically to said contact terminals of said first connector section,

wherein when said first connector section is coupled to said second connector section, nibs of a non-elastic metallic holding fixture provided in said first connector section are latched with projections provided on an inner surface of an elastic metallic holding fixture provided in said second connector section to hold said first connector section on said second connector section, said nibs projecting away from said first connector section, said first connector section having leg portions fixed to said first circuit board and said second connector section having leg portions fixed to said second circuit board.

12. (Currently Amended) A connector as claimed in claim 9, wherein a recess is formed for allowing a portion of said elastic piece being engaged in said second connector section to advance/retract at a base of said second connector section.

13. (Currently Amended) A connector as claimed in claim 11, wherein a recess is formed for allowing a portion of an elastic piece being engaged in said second connector section to advance/retract at a base of said second connector section.

14. (New) A connector as claimed in claim 11, wherein said non-elastic metallic holding fixture and said elastic metallic holding fixture are formed in a thin sheet-like form separately from a base for supporting said contact terminals in said first or said second connector section.